
Sarget de Gruaud Larose 2000

CSPC# 721260

750mlx12

12.7% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot
Appellation	AOC Saint-Julien
Website	http://www.gruaud-larose.com/en/#
General Info	Sarget de Gruaud Larose is the second label of the esteemed Gruaud Larose, and certainly one of the best buys in the region. Classified a second growth in 1855, Gruaud Larose is a house favorite for its rich and classic style and capacity for aging.
Vintage	2000 is among the precocious years. The half-veraison is 9 days early (on August 6th). From April to mid-August, the vintage seemed to be moderately hot with a surplus of sunshine and humidity. April was hot and very humid. May and June were hot and moderately rainy. In spite of all this, the flowering was relatively quick and homogenous. July was cool and humid. The first fortnight of August was hot (5 days > 30°C) with little rainfall. Quick veraison. A harvest spread over September and beginning of October allowed picking exceptionally healthy grapes.
Vineyards	The large vineyard has 66 different parcels planted to 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 7.5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot and 1.5% Malbec with old vines averaging 40 years. The Sarget is made from younger vines and spends less time in oak than the first label.
Harvest	Manual harvesting, selection on a belt in the vineyard and double sorting at the harvest reception. Merlot: Sep 21-26; Cab Sauv: Oct 2-12; Cab Franc Sep 28-Oct 2; Petit Verdot: Oct 10
Vinification/ Maturation	The fruit is sorted then undergoes a cold soak prior to temperature controlled fermentation in a mixture of wooden and concrete vats, with pumping over of the fermenting must twice a day. Then 50% of the vintage undergoes malolactic in oak barrels, before ageing the entire wine in <i>french</i> oak (10% new, and the rest 2-3 yrs. old) for fourteen months, and there is a light fining and filtration before bottling.
Tasting Notes	The colour is brilliant and clear. The powerful nose reveals notes of roasting and leather. The second nose releases notes of jammy prunes. The mouth shows silky tannins, balance and freshness. Great aromatic persistency.
Production	21,665 cases made.
Scores/Awards	91 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2003 85-87 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - December 31, 1999 84 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - April 3, 2004 77 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only)
Reviews	<i>"This château made a classic grand vin and the second wine is outstanding. Very rich and plummy on the nose. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and plenty of fruit on the finish. Serious concentration here. Best after 2007. 21,665 cases made."</i> - JS, Wine Spectator <i>"Sarget de Gruaud Larose 2000 Nov-04 18 A delicate, sweet gamey nose dominated by Merlot. Moderate tannins. Good fruit concentration on the mid-palate, ripe black, tobacco infused fruit although the finish is leaner than I would like. Drink from 2005. Tasted November 2004."</i> - NM, Wine Journal <i>"A lean wine, with a core of oak, herb and citrus flavors. Briary blackberry, anise and coffee notes add interest, finishing with a tannic bite. Kosher"</i> - RV, Wine Enthusiast

